Proper System to Monitor Fair Price Shops

2255. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to call a meeting of State Food Secretaries to discuss a proper system to monitor fair price shops;

(b) if so, by when this meeting will be held;

(c) whether any groundwork has been done; and

(d) the steps proposed to tighten the system of deliveries to the targeted population?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A meeting of Food Secretaries of all States/UTs to discuss the state of preparedness of hte States/UTs for implementation of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) has been held on 7th March, 1997.

(d) State Governments/UT Administrations have been asked to identify the beneficiaries below poverty line, issue special ration cardes to them and make all arrangements for delivery of foodcrains to these targeted beneficiaries in a satisfactory and transparent manner as per guidelines already issued.

Allotment of Palmolein Quota to Andhra Pradesh

2256. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of palmolein oil allotted to Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the quantum of palmolein oil during the year 1997-98; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) The following quantity of imported palmolein was allocated to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for PDS during the last three years:—

Financial Year	Allocation (Qty. In MTs)
1994-95	33,300
1995-96	66,600
1996-97	49,000

(b) and (c) No decision has yet been taken by the Government about the import of palmolein for distribution under Public Distribution System during 1997-98. In view of identical import duty on palmolein for oil imported for distribution under Public Distribution System and Open General Licence, the State Government can import on their own.

Supply of Edible Oil to States

2257. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request from Maharashtra Government for supply of 51,000 M.Ts of edible oil for the year ending December, 1996 for distribution under Public Distribution Scheme;

(b) if so, the present position in this regard;

(c) the reasons for the non-supply of edible oil;

(d) by when the requisite quota will be supplied;

(e) State-wise position in this respect ; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for adequate and timely suply of edible oil to the States?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) The Government of Maharashtra had indicated a requirement of 51,000 MT of imported palmolein for the PDS for the Oil Year (Nov-Oct) 1996-97.

(b) to (f) Supply of imported edible oil to States/UTs through the PDS is supplemental and is meant to augment open market availability only during the lean period/major festivals. Government imports RBD Palmolein through the STC and distributes under PDS whenever considered necessary. No decision has yet been taken by the Government to import palmolein for distribution under Public Distribution System during 1997-98. In view of identical import duty on palmolein for oil imported for distribution under Public Distribution System and Open General Licence, the State Governments can import on their own.

Cases filed under Consumer Protection Act in Delhi

2258. **SHRI** MOHINDAR SINGH **KALYAN:** Will the Minister of CIVIL **SUPPLIES,** CONSUMER AFFAIRS **AND** PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be **pleased** to state:

(a) the number of cases/complaints **filed** under Consumer Protection Act in **Delhi during** the last five years;

(b) number of cases decided so far; and

(c) number of **cases** in which relief was granted to the consumers during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) As reported by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, the number of cases including appeals filed in the Delhi Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission and cases filed in the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Fora are as under:

State Commission	5,682
District Fora	30,670
(b) The number of cases decided so far are as under:	
State Commission	4,010
District Fora	22,659
(c) Number of cases decided in favour of consumers are:	
State Commission	3,560
District Fora	11,790

खाद्य तेलों के डिब्बों में पेटिड टिन प्लेटों का प्रयोग

2259. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि खाद्य तेलों के लिए डिब्बे (कनस्तर) बनाने में पेटिड टिन प्लेटों का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है और ऐसे डिब्बों को थोक और फुटकर विक्रेताओं को खाद्य तेल की पैकिंग के लिए बेचा जा रहा है;

(ख) क्या इन डिब्बों का पेन्ट खाद्य तेलों में मिल जाता है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप तेल की गुणवत्ता खराब होती है;

(ग) क्या सरकार को सांसदों और अन्य व्यक्तियों से इस संबंध में शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?